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Friday Morning, February 16, 1877.

W. D. WALTON, Editor.

The Eight to Seven Tribunal.

As we went to press last week the Eight to Seven Tribunal passed upon the case of Florida—giving the four votes of that State to Hayes and Wheeler. It was decided by a strict party vote—Justice Bradley casting the vote which gave the majority to Hayes. Contrary to law, justice and right, the Tribunal refused to go behind the rashly done of the canvassing Board, and Stearn's certificate was sustained. The evidence waded mountain high that fraud and treachery had been used to bring out a majority for Hayes, but the Radical majority of the Commission refused to open the door and let in the final glare of truth, knowing that to do so would convulse the world that the Republican candidates were not entitled to receive the four electoral votes of Florida. Honest men of all parties are annoyed and disgusted at this flagrant violation of law, but they must grin and bear it as best they can. The Tribunal is now at work on the State of Louisiana. Greater frauds by far than those perpetrated in Florida can be shown to have been committed in that State, but whether the Radical wing of the Commission will suffer the exposition or not, is a matter of grave fear and doubt. Some faint hopes are indulged, however, that either Justice Bradley or Judge Strong will vote with the minority, and thus secure a fair, full and clear investigation into the conduct of Mr. Wells and his partners in crime, who threw out ten thousand Democratic votes in order to count the electoral vote of Louisiana for Hayes and Wheeler. The country awaits in painful silence to learn what course the Tribunal will pursue in this all important matter. Should the party line be sharply drawn as in the Florida case, then expires the last ray of hope in the breasts of honest men, for, seeing the exhibition of such partisan feelings, they dare not look for justice when Oregon shall have been reached on the list of States. We coul'st be surprised at what has already been done. We had thought that men so high in the places of honor and trust would be able to shake off party predilections and partisan malice, and rise to the dignity of impartial justice, regardless of who might sink or swim by reason of their decision. For that reason, and, believing our cause to be just, we gave a rather reluctant support to the formation of the great Compromise Committee—believing that war might be averted and even-handed justice meted out. Another reason why we favored it was because Morton, one of the most corrupt, venal and infamous men and political tricksters who ever afflicted and disgraced the Senate chamber of any country of earth, was opposed to it. His opposition to the measure was *prima facie* evidence to us that there was merit in it, and that Tilden and Hendricks would be declared duly and honestly elected. We have never doubted the power of the Senate and House combined to count and determine the electoral vote of the States, but for the sake of peace we were willing to make some concessions to those who held a different opinion. We now see our error—that is, the error committed by the Democrats who voted in favor of creating the Tribunal. Had it not been formed, and had the Democracy maintained their opinion to the last extremity, put on a bold front and demanded their rights, we could not now be confronted with a spectacle which is a disgrace to the judicial ermine. We instinctively ask ourselves, who is honest? If we cannot trust the highest judges in our Federal Courts—if they are not able to lay aside party, and pronounce in favor of eternal justice, who can be trusted? The end will soon be reached, and then we shall know of what stuff our judges are made. Wise and just men in other countries are interested spectators of the nets and doings of the fifteen men at Washington. Let us trust that their final decision will be such as will shed new glory upon the American Republic.

HON. SIMON CAMERON, the venerable Senator from Pennsylvania, is in trouble. Several years ago, he assisted one Mary S. Oliver, to obtain a place in the Treasury Department. This interest in her behalf led the fair Mary to think it was occasioned more by love than friendship, and being a woman of tender appreciation, she was willing to sacrifice her young life and become his wife, thereby showing that she did not soon forget a favor. But old Simon didn't want any wife, and because he wouldn't stand up and make a fool of himself at the ripe old age of 78, Mary got mad and brought a breach of promise suit, laying her damages at \$50,000.

THE Blue Grass Clipper is the latest applicant for public patronage that appears on our table. It is published at Midway, by an experienced printer, Mr. Dan S. Lindsey, and edited by M. E. Fogerty and J. W. Phillips. The initial number shows ability and skill in all its departments, and we predict for it a prosperous career. Gentlemen, you have our best wishes. River for it.

The Board of Transportation of Cincinnati, held a meeting last Monday, in regard to the future operating of the Cincinnati Southern R. R. It was attended by many of the prominent citizens, and after remarks were heard pro and con, it was resolved that the Legislature of Ohio be urged to pass the bill introduced by Senator Bates, providing for the lease of the road after three months advertising, with the amendment that the road should not be leased till completed and then not until a vote on the question is submitted to the qualified voters of Cincinnati for ratification or rejection. It is likely now, that the road will be in running order by 1900.

LAST NEWS.—The Louisville question is still undecided. Carpenter and Timbrell, delivered splendid arguments on Wednesday, and presented the case so strong for Tilden, that even the Democrats were surprised. The argument closed yesterday, and the decision is expected to-day. If the decision is against going behind the returns, then the predetermined verdict for Hayes and Wheeler will be enunciated. We hope the Democrats will resist to the bitter end a so great and glaring infamy, and show the world that they know their rights and dare maintain them.

FOOTPRINTS OF TIME.—This is the title of a book presented us by Mr. James E. Crow, who has purchased the right to sell it in the counties of Lincoln and Garrard. It is from the pen of Charles Bancroft, and contains a complete analysis of our system of government. The carefully compiled list of facts and statistics it gives, makes it a most valuable and instructive book. Mr. Crow will shortly commence an active canvass of the counties named, and we bespeak for him a liberal patronage.

A BILL is before Congress and has passed the Senate, authorizing a party of Baltimore capitalists to lay and maintain a line or lines of submarine cables between America and Europe. One line at least must be laid within the next three years, and it is further provided, that the rate per word shall not exceed one shilling. This is a good move, as the present cables charge one dollar per word, and even higher now.

HON. JOS. L. JENKINS, of Owingsboro, a former representative in Congress from that district, committed suicide Tuesday, by shooting himself through the heart with a rifle. Melancholy, caused by ill health and heart disease, is the reason assigned for the act.

NEW YORK LEDGER.—This king of the story papers grows better till the time. The stories are elegantly written and elaborate, its contributed articles by distinguished men are not to be excelled, its editorials are fresh and instructive, and the general *melange* is always entertaining.

THE C. S. R. R. advertises for bids till March 1st, for the superstructure of the Tennessee river bridge, six miles North of Chattanooga, and for bids for the grading and masonry of a reservoir dam on Section 37, Division A. Bids for the latter work close Feb. 22d.

IF the wrangling about the Roman pronunciation of Latin does not cease, we shall be compelled to get up a *Seance*—invoke old "Kaiser" from his few centuries of dream and exhibit how little any of the disputants know of what they are talking about.

THE insignificant little State of Rhode Island, is putting on airs. She has, through her Legislature, sent a protest to Congress against the arrest and imprisonment of the Louisiana Returning Board skunks. Congress will release them, no doubt, at once.

MR. HUGH McELROY, a prominent citizen of Springfield, died on the 8th inst., in the 83d year of his age. The remains were buried with the honors of Masonry, of which order he had been a worthy member since 1819.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY NEWS.

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ZERWELL for working motives, and frames for motives, at Anderson & McRoberts.

A LARGE new supply of Machine Necessaries, all Machines, at Anderson & McRoberts.

JOHN H. CRAN, in the future, will keep on hand at all times, a splendid stock of Clothing.

Have your eyes. Buy a pair of Larus & Morris' perfect Spectacles, at E. R. Chenuit's.

LARUS & MORRIS' Garden Seeds, large, fresh Stock in papers and bulk, at Anderson & McRoberts.

PHYSICIANS prescriptions and Pharmaceutical preparations, a specialty at E. R. Chenuit's.

ANDERSON & McROBERTS have just received a superior lot of Pistols, Cartridges and Cutlery.

OUR accounts are ready and must be settled. We need the money, Anderson & McRoberts.

If you want a good clock, you can find it at Chenuit's, at city prices. Warranted twelve months.

A handsome stock of every thing in the Jewelry line, at E. R. Chenuit's, at least city prices.

Buy, call and see the splendid new and sweet motives just received by Anderson & McRoberts.

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DON'T forget Sheriff Feland's appointments at the various collecting points. Hand the notices and recollect that he means that he says.

A COMPLETE assortment of Fishing Tackle, consisting of Hooks, Lines, Snoods, Pipe, Trammings, Bells and Minnows, at Anderson & McRoberts.

BRADLEY LOW—In Danville on the evening of the 6th, a handsome child Bradly, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bradly, of Danville. A suitable reward will be paid if left at the Stanford Female College.

LAKE—the festive groundswide, business on "Flat Bow" has gone in its hole and pulled the hole in after it.

WILL G. MCKINNEY.

THE Richmond Flaw is the one that always gives entire satisfaction, much easier to know their worth before buying other Flaws. Sold by Smith & Miller.

\$5 REWARD.—To find out who sent me Valentine, entitled the "Handsome Peep" also "Singing in the choir."

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CHAPIN, Clark, Cresson, Gentry, Publishing Co., and others, to a full Stock of Dry Goods and Millinery Goods, will be kept this year by John H. Craig.

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MR. ASHER DOWNEY wishes to buy one hundred bushels of Irish Potatoes.

Mrs. DR. BOURNE, who has been a guest of Mrs. Teatheart, left yesterday, for a few weeks visit to Louisville.

WANTED.—Ten barrels of corn, delivered in Stanford, for which the highest cash figures will be paid. Apply at this office.

Those new styles Jacome Edging just opened at Hayden Bros' are the prettiest we have ever seen. The ladies should go and examine them.

WERTHUS the present year, there will be made such improvements in the way of buildings for dwelling and business houses in Stanford, as to change the general appearance of the town, greatly "for the better."

MARRIAGE.—Mr. H. C. Adams, of Casey, to Miss Peggy A. Trowbridge, on the 15th. Also Mr. J. F. Haggard to Miss Laura N. Chaudier, both of Lincoln. He aged 20, she aged 18.

THE venerable Matthew G. Jones, an old Virginia gentleman, and one of the best posted Masons in Kentucky, came to town yesterday to give a Masonic Lecture to the Lodge here last night.

I OUST to sell the Farm, known as the "Pennington" farm. If not sold before County Court day in March, I will rent it on that day. TIM. W. HOGGAT, Stanford, Ky., Feb. 2, 1877.

MR. J. B. BROWN, of Mt. Vernon, called to see us this week. His name is very favorably mentioned as a candidate for the Senate from the 29th District, though he has not fully decided to make the race.

MR. J. B. BROWN, who handed the gun to Mr. Sampson who shot William Martin with it, had an examining trial last Monday, and was acquitted without any trouble. The prosecution admitted that there was but little, if any evidence, tending toward his conviction as a *particular* criminal.

MR. J. B. BROWN, a sweet little child of Mr. R. C. Warren, died yesterday morning of Scarlet Fever, after a painful and somewhat protracted illness. The burial will take place at Lancaster, to-day, at 1 o'clock. His eldest daughter, Jessie, who first contracted the disease, is still very ill. The family has the heartiest sympathy of our citizens.

SPOTTED.—It is some consolation, at least, to note, in these degenerate days of Radical Returning Boards and eight to seven Commissions, that the vexed question of "Should emigration be encouraged?" has been decided in the negative, after full discussion by the Mt. Xenia Literary Club. We trust that Congress, which has been notified of this decision, will pass the necessary laws to prohibit it.

THE case of E. M. & W. H. BRADLEY, Attorneys, is Mrs. Black Robinson, of Grafton, county, for fees of \$2,500 for legal services, submitted to arbitrators last week, for settlement. The parties chose M. C. Saylor and W. H. Welch, of Stanford, and R. P. Jacobs, of Danville, who, after hearing the proof and arguments of counsel, award a judgment of \$1,700 for Mrs. Robinson, as aower interest.

THE people of the West End offer indorsement to an enterprising Life Insurance Agent, representing some new Company. Such an official would be so delighted with his reception, that should he not remain, he would certainly leave a mark of his hand.

MISS MARY HARNES, has gone to Columbia, where her father, Rev. G. D. Barnes, has been for some weeks, preaching, to aid him in learning the people there to sing the new and beautiful gospel songs which have become so popular in the Moody and Sankey revival meetings.

MR. SAMUEL L. MAXWELL, for a long time a citizen of Stanford, but who has lived in Louisiana for several years past, has rented the large farm of the late Col. J. Warren Grisby, in this county, known as "Fraser's Bend," and will remove there on the 1st of March.

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Mrs. D. B. EWING, wife of our popular Circuit Clerk, returned on Monday from a visit to her father, Dr. J. B. S. Fribble, at Madison, Indiana.

If you would examine the largest and finest stock of Spring Ready-made Clothing ever brought to this section, you should go to the store of Hayden Brothers.

JOHN H. CRAN, in the future, will keep on hand at all times, a splendid stock of Clothing.

Many persons dislike to annoy a salesman in a store when they simply want to examine goods. They need not fear of annoying these polite gentlemen at Hayden Brothers, for they always wait on a customer with much pleasure.

THESE new styles Jacome Edging just opened at Hayden Bros' are the prettiest we have ever seen. The ladies should go and examine them.

WERTHUS the present year, there will be made such improvements in the way of buildings for dwelling and business houses in Stanford, as to change the general appearance of the town, greatly "for the better."

MARRIAGE.—Mr. H. C. Adams, of Casey, to Miss Peggy A. Trowbridge, on the 15th. Also Mr. J. F. Haggard to Miss Laura N. Chaudier, both of Lincoln. He aged 20, she aged 18.

THE venerable Matthew G. Jones, an old Virginia gentleman, and one of the best posted Masons in Kentucky, came to town yesterday to give a Masonic Lecture to the Lodge here last night.

I OUST to sell the Farm, known as the "Pennington" farm. If not sold before County Court day in March, I will rent it on that day. TIM. W. HOGGAT, Stanford, Ky., Feb. 2, 1877.

MR. J. B. BROWN, of Mt. Vernon, called to see us this week. His name is very favorably mentioned as a candidate for the Senate from the 29th District, though he has not fully decided to make the race.

MR. J. B. BROWN, who handed the gun to Mr. Sampson who shot William Martin with it, had an examining trial last Monday, and was acquitted without any trouble. The prosecution admitted that there was but little, if any evidence, tending toward his conviction as a *particular* criminal.

MR. J. B. BROWN, a sweet little child of Mr. R. C. Warren, died yesterday morning of Scarlet Fever, after a painful and somewhat protracted illness. The burial will take place at Lancaster, to-day, at 1 o'clock. His eldest daughter, Jessie, who first contracted the disease, is still very ill. The family has the heartiest sympathy of our citizens.

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THE people of the West End offer indorsement to an enterprising Life Insurance Agent, representing some new Company. Such an official would be so delighted with his reception, that should he not remain, he would certainly leave a mark of his hand.

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THE first-class Cabinet Photo's at Williams' Mammoth Picture Car. Every body is having them taken. Come and see.

JOHN H. CRAIG will receive this week, a large and well assort'd stock of Clothing, Cloth and Cashmere, purchased at very low figures.

JOHN H. CRAIG purchases Bleached Cutlery by the case and half, which is a great advantage over small buyers. He proposes to give the trade the benefit of the purchase.

JOHN H. CRAIG has purchased a very large stock of Hauling Edging and Insertions, direct from the Importers in New York—save your money by buying at Head-quarters.

PHOTOGRAPHER Williams' warranted as good as can be had in the cities, and at prices to suit the times. Every style of picture, from the smallest gem to full life-size, made on short notice.

There are any persons in this, or any other vicinity, wishing a first-class Picnic or Picnic, whose place rest upon this

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[Written for the *Interior Journal* by the author of *THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS*]

A TALE STORY.

BY MRS. EUGENE DUNLAP, PORT.

To open her *door* was the work of a moment, and one glance revealed Bachelor Row in flames. Springing to Ethel who like every body else was sound in her first sleep—beauty sleep the witches call it—she cried, “Ethel! Ethel! awake! The spring is on fire!”

To commit the babe to the now startled nurse and throw a shawl over her night-robe was the next step and Mrs. Darling ran swiftly to the front of the main building crying, “Fire! as she went.

It seemed an age before a sleep man in his nightclothes appeared, bucket in hand, but the sight of the rapidly-spreading flames shamed up his dormant faculties as nothing else could, and he shouted for help till hoarse. In a few moments more a score of men in shirt-sleeves, with bare heads and feet had collected from the village in the distance, and one the cottage doors closed to greet the frightened, chattering occupants.

Soon the long platform was crowded with all sorts of incongruous costumes and resounded with various wails and plaints from terrified women.

Bachelor Row was separated from the other buildings by the streets only, and the combustible material used in the cottages soon ignited at every plank and seam. The heat was blistering the opposite platform and the flames, leaping into the tall trees, spread with alarming rapidity, feeding upon all they could find.

Meanwhile Mrs. Darling's voice was heard directing, commanding, even scolding till she had made the staring men cover the main roof with water and wet blankets, and cut away the platform that threatened to entice the flames in the direction of the large hotel. The buildings were arranged upon three sides of a square and the only connecting link with the fire was the long open platform where visitors congregated to arrive, leave, or start for the numerous drives to mineral waters not within the enclosure.

Ethel, after assisting her mother in obedience to her calls, was standing in the crowd watching the fascinating, pitiless flames when she was abruptly accosted by a mournful voice at her side, “Ethel! Did I hear some one call you Ethel? Is that your name?”

“Yes, madam,” answered she surprised at a question so irrelevant in the fearful scene before her; and she was still more astonished to find in the speaker Mrs. Randolph.

Closely wrapped in a water-proof cloak the lady's face looked spectral from its somber covering, and her tones were sad and beyond description.

“Sweet, sweet name!” she sighed—“my only daughter, beautiful and beloved, were it fourteen years! and then went home. God pity me! and she moaned aloud as she turned away and began walking back and forth in her sorrow.

Ethel had met Mrs. Randolph once and received the impression at that time that she was or soon would be insane. Now a glimpse of the theorizing ears that consumed her was revealed in the weird light of the conflagration, and the grisly heart went out in sympathy for the lonely mother.

CHAPTER VI.

Of course Mr. Hampton was ready with, “I told you so,” when the fire was discussed at breakfast and traced to the carousel of the night previous in Bachelor Row. Quite a dismal scene was revealed beneath the gluring sunlight. Even the clustering trees looked grim and black from the fiery ordeal.

Mrs. Randolph now began to send for Ethel continually to sit with her, and Bob's fancy was encouraged by his doting, indulgent mother till it threatened to become really serious.

Mr. Hampton looked on, impatient often, but secure in his overweening smugness. Walks and games and drives to the distant Snipper and Epsom Wells continued as before, but Ethel never overstepped a certain barrier of reserve that their lack of congenial taste easily created.

She had many admirers, and now Col. White, who had been absent several days, returned to swell the ranks.

Her manners were easy and her costumes simply perfect. Whether watching Mrs. Randolph's eternal embroidery, or joining the young people in their various amusements, or sitting with a book in one of the many bowers that dotted the lawn, she was always arrayed charmingly in some flowing fabric that suggested the very essence of luxury and refinement.

About this time she wrote to a friend in Lexington after this manner: “You ask me, dear wife, why I cannot get him. Why will I not be happy in the midst of so much gayety and mirth? It is impossible. Whenever I go I hear his pleading voice, and not all the hollow mockery of the country is. Let him say that the patriotic Peckett said—“D—n my interest—think of the interest of forty millions of people!—[N. Y. Sun.]

but am as truly his own devoted Ethel as before that hateful man came between us.”

The time approached for Ethel's departure and her two special admirers were continually amanuensising each other for obstructing the way.

Mr. Hampton in his domineering spirit became so very exacting that Ethel began to avoid him and find more real pleasure in slogging her ingenuous Bob, whose youth relieved her from all scruples of coquetry.

She did not know that many a sleep and fatal blow is given at that boyish age which determines the future career of the man.

Secure, therefore, in her innocent intentions she was overwhelmed with confusion and regret when Bob, with an expression she never thought to see upon his happy, careless face, seized her hand as it toyed with the keys one morning and poured forth his love in ardent words that rang with nature's untaught eloquence.

“Oh! Mr. Randolph! How could you—how could you?” she exclaimed in deep distress covering her face with the hand that was free.

“What! Have you been playing with me? Did you not mean any of it?”

“Never, never. I did not dream you cared for me in this way.” Then in tears of disappointment sprung to his merry eyes and he turned in despair to run away, all the woman rose up in her breast and taking both his hands in hers she said:

“Robert Randolph, come here. You shall not leave me thus.”

He allowed himself to be drawn to the sofa where with bowed head he listened to her earnest words.

“Let me tell you, I have suffered no you can never suffer. I did not know that you loved me; I was too suddenly intent upon killing time. I cannot love you for I love another. Forget this momentary pain and listen to my own heart history.” Thus in hurried, broken sentences she began, but she soon grew eloquent in her recital. She had loved from childhood a young Southerner in every way worthy of her hand, and they were have been united long ere this, but a wealthy rival contrived to poison his mind against her by proofs clear as day, and finally caused her marriage with himself to be published in a paper which fell into her lover's hands when he was on his way to make another and a last appeal.

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